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The Musical Clubs

Last week LIFE printed a very poor account of the Clubs' Concert in Utica. The editors could not prevent this unfortunate occurrence and take this opportunity to express a better conceived opinion.

The Glee and Instrumental Clubs opened their season with a most propitious concert at the New Century Auditorium in Utica, preceding the Sophomore Hop. Whether the concert was better advertised this year than last, or whether the people of Utica remembered the successful appearance of last year, does not matter, but a larger audience greeted the Clubs with their applause than rewarded the efforts of a year ago.

Both Clubs are smaller than last year, and are decidedly the best that Hamilton has produced. Last year the criticism was made of the Instrumental Club, that it had too much of the appearance of an orchestra. This year there are twelve mandolins, six guitars, two violins, and a cello, composing all but four of the Club, which forms the more ideal College Instrumental Club.

The Clubs were notable alike for the novelty and variety of the selections and the skill with which most of them were rendered. The Glee Club did remarkably well and showed plainly the results of their careful and skillful training, lining up quickly and rendering their selections in a way that showed both their desire to do their best and their appreciation of the meaning and correct interpretation of the music.

Probably the most popular number of the evening was "Das Schöne Garten," by Weekes and the Glee Club, which elicited hearty laughter and enthusiastic applause. In the encore "Johnnie Smoker, Kannst Du Spielen," by Weekes, Cody and a number of the Club, Cody kept the audience in laughter by his naïve and comical antics. The 1908 Campus Medley arranged by Purdy, '06, though received well by the house, hardly came up to the standard that the Club set for itself in its other numbers. This, however, is the only piece that fell short of first-class work.

The Instrumental Club selections were all heartily received and merited the praise bestowed upon them. They also showed the result of careful training and practice, though possibly some of the selections were played too slowly and with a slight lack of expression, which should be corrected.

One of the criticisms made last year was that the concerts were lacking in numbers that had life and go to them, so this year "A Sort of an Olio" was introduced which, perhaps, borders too much on the other extreme. The comedy is something akin to the merely tolerated antics of the opening number of a variety show. Another legitimately merry piece like "Das Schöne Garten" would be more fitting for a College Concert.

Hastings and the Mandolin Quintette were very popular. Hastings' voice has a quality which stirs other emotions besides the laughter caused by the words of "The Little Irish Girl."

The College Quartet, masquerading under the title of "The Foolish Four," did some good singing and were repeatedly encored. As an encore they gave a burlesque, "The Crash House" which was apt and funny, but only burlesque.

"The Glass House," a one-act drama written for the occasion by Truax, '09, also added variety to the entertainment. The plot was developed "like a real play." Though perhaps a little deep for the occasion, the play was well written and held the interest of the audience. Truax is to be complimented on the merit of the plot and his keen perception and lifelike, smooth diction. As Mr. Ostrander, Truax did a good piece of character acting. Rudd, '09, as Mrs. Ostrander made a graceful woman and did some skillful bits of acting and, withal, carried himself all the time quite with the grace and characteristic movements of a lady. Simmons, '08, as Mr. Carmichael and McAneny, '10, as Mary, a confidential (Irish) servant acquitted themselves creditably, the funny lines of Mary amusing the audience immensely.

Judging from this exhibition, the coming season promises much for the Musical Clubs.

As yet the management is not prepared to say anything definite about the trips. Of course there will be short trips into some of the nearby towns, but the faculty is opposed to any extensive mid-term trips. However, there will be the regular February trip and there has been some talk of making this a western instead of a northern one. The proposed route would take in Syracuse, Rochester and Buffalo. There will be an Easter trip which in all probability will cover nearly the same ground as last year.

The interest of the college body in the clubs has been very good this year, but even more encouragement would not be misplaced.

Prof. Davenport on Masonry

At the first annual banquet of Faxton Lodge F. & A. M., of Utica, in that city on Friday of last week, Prof. Davenport delivered the address of

the evening on the topic, "The Relationship of Masonry to Citizenship." Prof. Davenport said in part:

"The fundamental principle of Masonry is democratic equality. Not an equality that would bring all men down to the same level. Masonry throws over every man rich or poor, high or low, who has intelligence and character, the mantle of universal brotherhood. We need Masonry and kindred fraternal organizations to develop true catholicity of spirit in the nation.

We want in this nation neither plutocracy nor mobocracy, but a great democratic republic where equality of opportunity shall be given every man to live his life and do his work.

Masonry and other great fraternal organizations are to be, in the face of the peril of a class struggle, a great conservative force, the foe of envy and hatred and malice and all uncharitableness.

Before an appreciative audience Dr. Davenport delivered a lecture on "The Right Kind of Religion for the Twentieth Century," in the M. E. Church of Ilion, last Sunday evening. The lecture was arranged by the Men's Society of the church and was declared most enjoyable by all who attended. Dr. Davenport, as always, was earnest and forceful and brought the truth home to his hearers. After the lecture, opportunity was given to all who desired to become better acquainted with the speaker and many took advantage of the occasion.

Dr. Davenport is doing much by his influence and attractive personality, together with his numerous delightful lecture courses, to advertise the College in the best and truest way and to bring many into touch with Hamilton. For this able and efficient service he deserves the thanks of all who are interested in the welfare of Hamilton.

Y. M. C. A. Notes

Last Sunday noon, at the regular meeting, Wilcox, '09, gave his report on the International Y. M. C. A. Convention held in Washington, D. C., from Nov. 22 to 26, to which he was elected delegate. The Convention is an important one and this was the largest of the kind on record. There were delegates present from Austria, Buenos Ayres, Cuba, China, England, India, Japan, Russia, Switzerland, South Africa, and the rest were from the United States and Canada. In all there were 2,031 present.

The first speech of importance was that by Ambassador Bryce. While his remarks were good and interesting, it seemed strange that he should use as his principal theme the importance of a union between the Church and State. On the same day Gov. R. B. Glenn, of North Carolina, made a pleasing address upon the subject, "The Nation's Need of Strong, Christian Young Men." He predicted the abolishment of saloons in the South in 1909.

The next day William Jennings Bryan was introduced to the Convention by Secretary Cortelyou. Mr. Bryan's remarks seemed to appeal forcibly to the entire audience. He spoke of the ties that bind men — the tie of Christian love, which is the strongest of all.

Macdonald, editor and owner of the Toronto Globe, made a vigorous speech in which he urged young men to get into politics.

On Sunday Mr. Brockman, missionary to China, spoke in behalf of the Chinese students now in Japan. He was followed by Mr. Mott, who suggested a collection for this purpose, which amounted to $883. In the afternoon Fred B. Smith, the noted evangelist, used as a theme, "The Sin of Ingratitude." This meeting resulted in several hundred joining the Church.

At the closing session Robert E. Speer, Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church, made what was considered by many as the best address of the week on "The Association as a Bond of International Fellowship." Mr. Bryan was the last speaker and he stated that he believed every man in the country should belong to the Y. M. C. A. Other speakers were Judge Spencer, of St. Louis, who was President of the Convention, Bishop McDowell, of Chicago, and Dr. Parkhurst.

On the last day the delegates went down the Potomac to Mt. Vernon where they were shown all of the principal points of interest about Washington's old home. In the afternoon the President's Reception took place.

There will be no meeting of the Y. M. C. A. tomorrow.

Last Sunday evening a quartette composed of Messrs. Fitch, Rifenbark, Spencer and Leavenworth sang at the Stone Church at the Y. M. C. A. rally. This meeting was addressed by Messrs. Beers and Jordan, men identified in Association work, and was attended by several from the College.

The All-American Elevens

The harmless pastime of picking the all-American elevens has begun with the close of the football season. The truth is that there can be as many all-American teams as there are experts to pick them; everyone is entitled to his own choice and no selection is official. If we regard Walter Camp as the nearest approach to the official, nothing definite can as yet be said concerning the teams. The New York Sun, however, has picked the following first and second teams and their selection seems as just and reliable as any yet made.

First team — Dague, Annapolis and Exenedine, Carlisle, ends; Bigelow, Yale and Draper, Pennsylvania, tackles; Zeigler, Pennsylvania and Erwin, West Point, guards; Grant, Harvard, center; Jones, Yale, quarterback; Hollenback, Pennsylvania and Coy, Yale, halfbacks; McCormick, Princeton, fullback.

Second team — Wister, Princeton and Alcott, Yale, ends; Horr, Syracuse and O'Rourke, Cornell, tackles; Thompson, Cornell and Goebel, Yale, guards; Slingluff, Annapolis, center; Dillon, Princeton, quarterback; Douglas, Annapolis and Wendell, Harvard, halfbacks; Houser, Carlisle, fullback.

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JUST NOW WE HEAR a great deal about a larger Hamilton and an agitation is being conducted for a more general advertising of the College. All this is right and commendable. But here in our midst is one of our own organizations, which is supposed to be actively engaged in this work. The Press Club has an effective organization, but, whether through indifference or lack of interest or some other cause, seems to be making but little progress toward keeping Hamilton prominently before the public. Not long ago there appeared in one of the Utica papers an article of over a column in length, reviewing Colgate's football season and discussing next year's prospects. Diligent search, however, fails to find Hamilton anywhere mentioned, except the bald statement that Colgate played the Hamilton team on Nov. 9, and by superior playing and all around excellence defeated them by the score of 20 to 10. Would it not be a potent factor in influencing men to Hamilton, to have such an article printed in one of Utica's papers concerning the merits of Hamilton's football team? And to whom would this duty so aptly descend as to the Press Club? A little more activity on the part of the Press Club would certainly win for it a more worthy place among the College organizations.

COASTING HAS BEGUN in earnest. We all enjoy it. But in our excitement let us not forget that "discretion is always the better part of valor." Too much care can not be taken in steering down the Hill, particularly when it is fast, as has been the case during the past week. There have been no serious accidents so far this year and let us take care that there are none. Coasting on our Hill is perfectly safe, if one uses a little judgment and caution and not let the enthusiasm of the sport overcome all common sense. It is not as a rule inexperience that makes mishaps but sheer carelessness on the part of men who should know better. At present when a sled is seen rounding a curve, everyone in sight turns around to see if there is a "spill." This should not be true. Brake for the curves. Even then one can travel fast enough. Let everyone start now, and prevent all chance of serious accidents in the future by showing some foresight in going down the Hill slower.

NOW THAT THE basketball practice is under way, we feel more than ever the lack of adequate lighting facilities in the Gym. Not only are the gas fixtures in this building ungainly in appearance, but, being old and complicated in structure, they are constantly out of order. They have long since ceased to give satisfaction. The breakage of mantles amounts to more than the gas actually burned, while the lights are always exceedingly bad and, in the coldest weather, it is often almost impossible to get light at all. The annual bill for mantles and burners, broken by heavy jars, is far from small, being last year over $20. While it is true that the lights are used very little, except during winter term, the time spent in evening basketball practice would alone warrant the installation of electric lights. The installation would be an easy matter and one of comparatively small expense, for the conduits for wires already extend as far as the Chapel. Electric lights have been a long felt want in the Gym and it would seem that it is time improvements were made.

IN LOOKING over the review of the individual men of the football team contained in the December "Lit" we notice that the name of Abbott, '10, was omitted. Due rather to thoughtlessness than to intention, still we think that some recognition of the services of this plucky halfback should be officially made. Abbott is a born football player, exceedingly light but possessed of that speed and pluck which overcome obstacles, no matter how great. We saw but little of Abbott's work, due to the misfortune which befell him in the St. Lawrence game. What we did see is deserving of the highest praise and we know him to be of that stuff which has made Hamilton teams famous. We lost a good man by his absence, but if circumstances will permit of his playing next year we predict a great football career for Abbott, '10.

WHAT IS GENERALLY familiar to students in other colleges and entirely neglected at Hamilton is an understanding as to what should be done in case of fire. Of course most of the newer buildings are of fireproof construction but this is not so in the case of all, nor does it apply to the fraternity houses. And, moreover, times without number, so-called fireproof structures have either been gutted or entirely destroyed by fire.

We must take into consideration also that we are not in a city where we might rely on a telephone call to summon the department in a few seconds but that we are entirely dependent on our own resources.

The College is provided with some good fire apparatus, but it is probably safe to say that half the men in College know nothing of its where-

abouts, much less of its manipulation. This seems to be a deplorable state of affairs when the understanding of an alarm of fire and some sort of organization, in time of emergency, might be the means of saving a great deal of property and possibly life.

That Last Chapel

At five o'clock Friday afternoon occurred the last chapel of 1908, and it beat all records. The Seniors welcomed members of the three lower classes with the customary cordiality after which they marched in and took their places to the tune of the "Marching Song." Things went peacefully until the first Senior mounted the platform. Then the assembly became enthusiastic. "Hank" wisely decided to get out of the line of fire and called for the class president to preside. "Kek" was busy elsewhere, so the genial "Hoot" took the chair and received his fair share of the chicken feed and coins deposited upon the rostrum by an appreciative audience. McCarthy furnished the preliminary, clad in a vest of an aesthetic green hue which, combined with a purple-and-white tie, gave him a bizarre appearance. The first half of the farewell was delivered by White. Williams put him off the stage and finished up.

The only criticism we have to offer is the unusual amount of debris thrown upon the stage. It was a little too much of a good thing. But it was fun while it lasted.

Basketball

Since the close of the football season, the basketball squad has been out regularly under the direction of Coach Sicard and by this time we are able to obtain an estimate of the prospects for this year. The team has been coached in dribbling, and has improved greatly in finding the basket. Of the men who are most likely to compose the team, there are: Capt. Smith, Welch, Conklin, Allen, Sherwin. For the other guard there are several men out; of these Roenke is a possibility. Wilson has not yet shown up for practice, but it is expected that the first of next term will bring him out. Capt. Smith is playing his position well and is putting fine spirit into the men.

On account of the change of schedule by the Faculty, the team will be home two weeks before the Colgate game. This should give the men a fine chance to get in good trim. The Colgate varsity this year is strong, having lost only one man last year, and will undoubtedly put up a stiff game.

The schedule now stands:

January	10	Union	at Clinton
"	14	Colgate	at Hamilton
"	24	Cornell	at Ithaca
February	1	Rochester	at Rochester
"	7	Rochester	at Clinton
"	14	Oberlin	"
"	19	Union	at Schenectady
"	20	Williams	at Williamstown
"	21	Rutgers	at New Brunswick
"	22	C. C. N. Y.	at New York
"	28	N. Y. University	at Clinton
March	6	Colgate	"

A Hamilton Wedding

A week ago today occurred the marriage of Miss Alida Stryker to Elihu Root, Jr. The wedding took place at 12 noon at the President's residence, the President himself performing the ceremony. The affair was extremely private. The guests were mostly from out of town though the majority of the Faculty attended. The bride was given away by Lloyd Stryker, '06, her brother, and she was attended by her two sisters, Miss Evelyn and Miss Elizabeth Stryker, and Miss Katherine Truax, of New York. The engagement of the latter to Lloyd Stryker, '06, was announced at the reception which followed.

Among the other Hamilton men who were present were: Elihu Root, '64, Edward Root, '05, Stowell, '01 and Stowell, '05.

Other guests: Mrs. Root, Lieut. Grant 3rd. and Mrs. Grant, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Benedict, New York, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Forrest, Col. Wm. C. Sanger, Sangerfield, Mr. and Mrs. George Dunham, Mrs. C. L. Stone and Miss Stone, Syracuse, Prof. and Mrs. Wilson, Cambridge, Mr. Bird, New York, Mr. Chadburn, New York, Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Bentley, Chicago, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas R. Proctor, Utica, Miss Katrina Burdick, New York, Mrs. Stowell and Miss Stowell, New York, Mrs. Truax and Miss Truax, New York, many of the Faculty and their wives, Mr. T. H. Stryker and Miss Stryker, Rome.

— Rev. George Alexander, D. D., Union, '66, has finally and permanently accepted the presidency of Union College. Since the resignation of President Raymond last June, Dr. Alexander has filled the position of acting president, although the chair was definitely offered to him at the time. The guarantee of a large endowment fund is said to have influenced Dr. Alexander's decision, as this practically relieved him of all responsibility of financing the college. The trustees have also voted him a material increase of salary.

— Swarthmore has declined the gift of over a million dollars which Miss Anna I. Jeanes left to it on condition that the institution give up all intercollegiate sports.

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ALUMNIANA

'69. Prof. Edward J. Wickson, Ph. D., is Director of the Agricultural Experiment Station of the University of California.

'74. Rev. Dr. George W. Knox, and Rev. George Hodges, '77, will fill pulpit appointments at Mount Holyoke College during the coming year.

'76. Rev. William H. Allbright, for 17 years pastor of the Pilgrim Congregational Church of Dorchester, Mass., died suddenly last Saturday in a hospital at Roxbury, after an operation for appendicitis. He is survived by three daughters and one son, Rev. Manley F. Allbright, '03.

'82. Snow has been on the Hill recently.

'84. Edward W. Bassett, ex-Congressman from Brooklyn, is a member of the Public Utilities Commission for Greater New York. A. E. Blackmar, '74, is counsel for this commission.

'85. Wager Bradford and family, of Johannesburg, South Africa, are now spending a brief vacation at their old home in Westernville. Mr. Bradford is a famous mining expert and engineer, and is in charge of one of the largest mines in South Africa. He will remain in this part of the country but a short time and, after a brief stay in California, will return home.

'93. Prof. Luther N. Steele is Superintendent of Schools at Canandaigua, N. Y., succeeding Superintendent James Winne, '77. E. H. Lomber, '03, continues as principal of the high school there.

'95. Rev. Anthony N. Peterson has been called to the pastorate of the Presbyterian Church at Scarborough-on-the-Hudson.

'02. Rev. Edward J. Ward is Supervisor of the evening social centers and playgrounds maintained by the Rochester Board of Education.

'03. R. E. Morris is in charge of the Department of Mathematics in Cook Academy, Montour.

'04. William F. Dowling has opened offices for general law practice with Curtin & Lee, Utica, N. Y.

Albert S. Davis is now head of the Department of English in St. Luke's School, Wayne, Pa., a suburb of Philadelphia.

Important Notice

Today at 11:45 there will be a meeting of the Advisory Board in Silliman Hall, to consider entering the Intercollegiate Association of the United States. Please be prompt.

At noon today the College will vote on the following nominations of the Advisory Board.

President, Prof. Sherman,'05; Vice-President, Dr. Wood; Treasurer, Prof. Miller; Secretary, Spencer and A. S. Evans, '09; Manager of Football, A. F. Osborn, '09; Assist. Manager of Football, Cross and Burns, '10; Sophomore Representative, Sherwin, '10; Freshman Representative, Colson and Sidle, '11. Prof. Babcock, '96, is recommended in place of Prof. Sherman, and Prof. Sicard, '06, for C. B. Rogers, '87, as Alumni and Faculty Members.

Rhodes Scholarship Examination

Last year the Rhodes Scholar from New York State was a Hamilton man. We were all proud of it. Another opportunity will soon be at hand for someone else to obtain this coveted honor. Why can it not be another Hamilton man? How could anyone do anything better for his Alma Mater, to say nothing of the personal glory for himself in winning a scholarship?

The next qualifying examinations will be held the 21st and 22nd of January, 1908, in New York, Ithaca, Albany, and Rochester. The subjects required are: Arithmetic, and either Algebra or Geometry, Greek and Latin Grammar, translation from English into Latin, and either unprepared translations of Greek and Latin or translation from one Greek and one Latin author.

All men over 19 years of age who have finished their Sophomore year in college are eligible. Sets of Responsions examination papers for past years can be ordered from the Oxford University Press, 91 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

We hope that someone will at least try these examinations this year and that another Hamilton man will be a Rhodes Scholar. This is a good chance to show what our classical education is worth.

Class Debate Teams

The debating teams of the upper classes have been chosen as follows: 1908, Anibal, Pratt, Watson and Williams, with Bate as alternate; 1909, McLean, Rifenbark, Wallace and Williams, with Krumbholz, as alternate.

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